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Dear Homeowner:

Homeownership is a source of tremendous pride and an important milestone on the road to achieving the American Dream. Unfortunately, more and more Californians are facing home foreclosure due to unforeseen circumstances and events.

This brochure has been prepared to assist individuals that either are or may be facing home foreclosure. The information and organizations listed can help you get through the difficult times and may help you to keep your home.

For additional copies of this brochure or for further information, please contact the district office at (707) 455-8025 or visit adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/MortgageCrisis.

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What you need to know



Foreclosures and deficiency judgments could affect your ability to qualify for credit in the future.

If you are facing financial difficulties, the following steps can help you keep your home.

- **Contact your lender NOW!** Many people avoid their mortgage lenders when money problems occur, but they can help. Most lenders have workout options and are willing to explore every possible option. The key is to contact them as soon as problems occur.
- **Stay in your home.** You may not qualify for assistance if you abandon your property.
- **Talk to a Housing Counselor.** Speak with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-approved housing counseling agency near you at **(800) 569-4287**. They can help you assess your financial situation, prioritize your debts, determine your options, and help you negotiate with your lender. They have information on services and programs that may help you. They may also offer credit counseling. These services are usually free of charge.

For more information, go to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website at www.hud.gov.



Do not be a victim of these scams:

- **“Sign Your Home to Me” Scam:** If a group or an individual tells you that they can negotiate your mortgage for you if you sign over the title of your home and you become a renter in your own home...don't do it. Once you sign over your home, it will legally become theirs. Eventually, you will be evicted and they will use the property for rental or sale.
- **Equity Skimming Scam:** A buyer promises to pay your mortgage or sell your home if you sign over the deed and move out. The “buyer” keeps the house and you keep the debt. Never sign over your home without being paid first.
- **Phony Counseling Agency Scam:** They offer counseling for a fee and give you little advice. Remember, this advice is already free. Contact (800) 569-4287 or TDD (800) 877-8339 for a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

Advice and Assistance

To get more information and advice before contacting your lender, there are many groups that can help. Call an advice counselor and protect your home.

Operation Hope

www.operationhope.org - (877) 592-HOPE (4673)

NeighborWorks

www.nw.org - (888) 995-HOPE (4673)

National Community Reinvestment Coalition

www.fairlending.com - (800) 475-6272

National Council of LaRaza

www.nclr.org - (202) 785-1670

Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America

www.naca.com/program/homesaveProgram.jsp - (888) 302-NACA (6222)

Acorn - Home Equity Loss Prevention Program

www.acornhousing.org - (888) 409-3557

National Foundation for Credit Counseling

www.nfcc.org - (800) 388-2227

Contact your Lender

If your lender is listed here, you can help protect your home by contacting them immediately!

Lender	Phone #
Bank of America	(800) 846-2222
California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)	(800) 669-1079
Chase Home Finance	(800) 848-9136 or (800) 527-3040
Citimortgage	(800) 374-8814
Countrywide	(800) 763-1255
HSBC Mortgage Corporation	(800) 338-6441
James B. Nutter & Company	(800) 315-7334
Midland Mortgage	(800) 654-4566
National City Mortgage	(800) 523-8654
PHH Mortgage Services	(800) 257-0460
Wells Fargo Mortgage	(800) 766-0987
Wendover Financial Services Corporation	(888) 934-1081
Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. (now J. P. Morgan Chase)	(866) 926-8937

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